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INFLATABLE DEVICE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/427,151, entitled "ADJUSTABLE POSTURE SUPPORT SYSTEM," filed on November 18, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/427,307, entitled "PRIMARY BEDDING MATTRESS," filed on November 18, 2002. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/430,040, entitled "A VALVE WITH ELECTROMECHANICAL DEVICE FOR ACTUATING THE VALVE," filed on May 5, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 60/377,798, entitled "VALVE WITH ELECROMECHANICAL DEVICE FOR INFLATABLE DEVICE," filed May 3, 2002. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/192,757, entitled "CONFIGURABLE INFLATABLE SUPPORT DEVICES," filed on July 10, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/304,274 entitled "COMBINATION STRUCTURES FOR AN INFLATABLE BLADDER," filed July 10, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/374,403 entitled "A RECONFIGURALBE INFLATABLE SUPPORT DEVICE," filed April 22, 2002. All of the above-mentioned, related applications are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety

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Field of Invention

This invention relates to inflatable devices and, in particular, to inflatable support devices.

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BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

Inflatable devices are used in a variety of contexts where buoyancy or a cushioned support is needed, where space is limited, or portability is desired. For example, inflatable mattresses, cushions and other body supports are used for applications such as camping, hospital bedding, and both occasional and everyday bedding in the home. Such inflatable devices have the additional advantage that the degree of inflation of the support can be adjusted to provide even support of an irregular object, such as a person. Other examples of